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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, unchanged to lower, mostly lower, elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to weak. Demand was typically light to moderate, best for fast food. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient with some discounting reported to help clear product. In the parts structure, availability was at least adequate with movement light to fair. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were light to heavy.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/13-12/18/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
		(Includes branded product)			
		WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG		AVG	
Bos/New Eng	53.50-55.00	53.50	16	57.47	38
Chicago	50.00-52.00	51.91	48	54.43	79
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	59.91	27
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	57.29	7
Denver	63.50	63.38	17	62.73	32
Detroit	51.00-53.00	54.17	12	55.42	38
Los Angeles	64.00	62.71	64	61.71	125
New York	49.00-54.00	51.50	42	56.61	84
Philadelphia	47.00-52.00	50.60	10	52.59	28
Pittsburgh	51.00-52.50	52.20	10	57.12	61
St. Louis	51.50-52.00	51.51	17	54.15	42
San Francisco	64.50	63.40	30	66.48	53

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	12/13/99	Change/Last Wk	12/06/99	12/14/98
614	58.11	-0.51	58.62	60.02

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	57.00-59.00	57.87	40
Central	56.00-59.00	57.99	55
West	53.00-68.50	60.67	56

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	57.00-59.00	57.87	81
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,155	52.00-61.00	57.88

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	136.50	4,104
BREASTS - WHOLE	70.00	2,080
THIGH MEAT - B/S	69.00	614
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	8,805
WINGS	75.50	3,013

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SERVICE.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally light and unaggressive. Offerings were adequate to ample with smaller sizes readily available. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate, with leg items in the best balance.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was seasonally light to fair with limited trading. Supplies were at least sufficient for full trade needs. In the parts structure, supplies of dark meat items were adequate to close balanced and moving. Breast items were balanced to fully sufficient with light demand, and wings were adequate with fair interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady with trading on WOGs ranging unchanged to lower. Offerings ample on heavy weight WOGs with small sizes in close balance and confidently held. Demand was light on wholebody and moderate overall on parts. Dealers reported fair weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down 1.17 from last Monday at 51.89 with the volume reported at 22 loads unchanged.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices for this week's trading were 1 cent lower into Chicago and Detroit, down 1.5 cents into St. Louis and TFEWR elsewhere. Trade sentiment on whole birds about steady. Offerings adequate or available for the very limited buyer interest. Retail demand slow to moderate. Food service movement mixed, mostly fair. Floor stocks were balanced, instances fully adequate, sizes desirable. Parts trading was irregular, light to fair and supplies were at least adequate. Parts trade sentiment was about steady on all parts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained seasonally reduced and typical of the time of year. Seller offerings continued to be available and competitively priced for prompt delivery. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mixed in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules varied and were mostly moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 54 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to weak. In the parts complex, volumes varied from plant to plant, but supplies were at least adequate for buyers needs.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR  
IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP  
SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK  
CITY FROM DELMARVA

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	47-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.72
NO. OF BOXES	10,675
*6 of 8 plants reporting.	

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest was mostly light. Offerings were more than sufficient for trade needs, with breast items readily available. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair. The market tone was barely steady on breast items, about steady on the balance of parts.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	134.08	508,560
TENDERLOINS	130	133.39	102,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	69.20	223,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	63.29	99,480
LEGS	26-27	29.93	178,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	18.87	438,458
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	32.15	116,020
THIGHS	20-21	27.80	102,280
B/S THIGHS	70-71	74.36	46,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	71-72	80.51	211,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.94	69,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	39.65	57,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	64.69	90,000

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

#### ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	972	120.00-145.00	130-134	129.83
TENDERLOINS		NO TRADING REPORTED	-	-
BREAST - WITH RIBS	437	53.00-84.00	56-63	60.86
FRONT HALVES	360	53.00-70.00	53	56.78
LEGS	122	28.00	-	28.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	392	16.00-19.00	16-17	16.71
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,182	18.00-19.00	19	18.66
WINGS (WHOLE)	221	61.00-74.00	69-72	68.13
DRUMSTICKS	134	31.00-44.00	31	32.35
THIGHS		NO TRADING REPORTED	-	-

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/13	12/09	12/09	12/06	12/02
ALA	3,970	3,808	5.11	3,836	5.06
ARK	4,933	4,815	4.85	5,090	4.79
DELMARVA	2,182	2,125	5.15	2,234	5.14
KY-LA-TN	1,882	1,821	4.49	1,854	4.47
MISS	2,652	2,771	5.01	2,747	5.09
NC	2,599	2,581	5.88	2,563	5.83
TEXAS	2,225	2,202	4.79	2,060	4.69
TOTAL	20,443	20,123	5.05	20,384	5.01
MON	20,443(A)			20,384(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Dec 1999 is estimated to be 30,585,000 down 0.01 percent from a week ago and up 4.61 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,588,000, last year 29,236,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	485	120.00-183.00	125-130	135.45
TENDERLOINS	345	125.00-200.00	130-135	151.09
BREAST - LINE RUN	97	68.00-73.00	68-69	68.41
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	48	24.00-34.00	24-25	25.67
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	499	15.00-19.00	15-17	16.19
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,178	17.00-20.50	19-20	19.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	103	72.00-77.00	72-75	74.26
WINGS (CUT)	522	80.00-92.00	85-87	85.82
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR DECEMBER 13, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	35.00 - 40.50	37.35
		37.99

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION PARTS** PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 12/13-12/17/99

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 137.00	127.00 - 130.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	63.00 - 72.00	65.00 - 67.00
LEGS	26.00 - 36.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 22.00	17.00 - 18.00
DRUMSTICKS	29.00 - 50.00	36.00 - 37.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	62.00 - 79.00	70.00 - 72.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 12.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 35.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 42.50	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	76-91
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	79-97
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	88-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	78-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

##### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	104
	ICE PACK	92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-107
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	91
DUCKS		149-162

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 10-DEC-99

**CHICKEN PRICES**

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-18.00	-	17.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.56		17.00	
990,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.				

**CHICKEN PRICES. WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	16.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE				16.48
500,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	14.50-18.00	-	15.00	13.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	17.02		15.00	13.65
1,874,000 pounds, this includes 894,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	13.50	-
WTD AVERAGE			13.50	
160,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV				

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Trading levels were slightly higher. Demand was mixed, usually no better than moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was only steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-DEC-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-19.5	10-15	14.59

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 10-DEC-99

**CHICKEN PRICES**

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

**CHICKEN PRICES. WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00-20.00	18.00	12.25-15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	18.00	13.63	
326,400 pounds, this includes 81,600 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-17.00	16.75-19.00	11.00-13.50	13.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.50	18.06	11.43	13.00
890,200 pounds, this includes 571,200 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	12.00	-
WTD AVERAGE			12.00	
40,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI				

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Prices ranged unchanged to lower, although majority trading was unchanged to higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fairly good for ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Undertone was usually steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-DEC-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-16.5	8-14.5	10.53
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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